

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1088
By McCord

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Lewis "Tim" Bledsoe of Alcoa.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Lewis "Tim" Bledsoe; and

WHEREAS, Tim Bledsoe was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Tim Bledsoe served with acumen and alacrity with Delta Air Lines for twenty-six years, where he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; after his retirement from Delta, he worked for the Blount County Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, a 1956 graduate of Alcoa High School, Mr. Bledsoe served in the United States military, fighting to protect the freedoms and principles we all hold dear; he served twenty-three years with the 134th ARG Tennessee Air National Guard at the McGhee Tyson Air Base; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant, Tim Bledsoe served on the Alcoa City Commission from 1987 to 1999, and he also served on the Maryville Alcoa Blount County Parks and Recreation Commission; and

WHEREAS, donating his time and many talents to numerous noteworthy organizations, Tim Bledsoe was a member of the Blount County Republican Executive Committee, the Board for the Blount County Election Commission, the Prudential Lodge in Alcoa, and the Shriners; and

WHEREAS, a devout Christian, Mr. Bledsoe was an active member of the First Baptist Church Alcoa, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Tim Bledsoe always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bledsoe was preceded in death by his parents, Anna Mae and Dossie Bledsoe; and

WHEREAS, Tim Bledsoe is survived by his loving wife, Brenda Bledsoe; son and daughter-in-law, Timothy C. and Anita Bledsoe; daughter, Beverle Bledsoe Carpenter; grandchildren, Molly, Lucas, Karlie, Chelsea, and Jacob; brothers and sisters-in-law, Don and Helen Bledsoe, Mahlon and Sue Bledsoe, Jerry and Shelia Bledsoe, Clayton and Meskil Bledsoe, and Loren and Janet Bledsoe; sisters and brothers-in-law, Karen and Charles Gourley and Myrna and Kenneth Lewis; sister, Connie Giles; brother, Gary Bledsoe; aunts, Ruby Galyon and Estell Bledsoe, sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Patty and John Miller; mother-in-law, Margaret Holdway; many special nieces, nephews, and cousins; and loyal friends, Herman and Peggy Thompson, R. H. and Andrea Jewell, Jim "Toby" Long, Jack Coker, Jimmy D. Harris, and Greg McClain; and

WHEREAS, a highly respected member of the Alcoa community, Mr. Bledsoe epitomized the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to excellence that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Tim Bledsoe leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Lewis "Tim" Bledsoe, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Bledsoe.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

